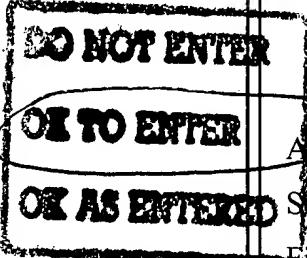


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RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 8 UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir :

Entry and consideration of this Response courteously are solicited under 37 CFR §1.116 in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or alternatively, to place the application in still better form for appeal. A reply to Paper No. 8 was due by August 13, 2002. Submitted herewith, together with the requisite fee, is a Petition to extend the response period for two months, up to and including October 13, 2002.

Please accept these papers as timely filed.

Please further amend this application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-3, 7 and 26 as shown in the attached "Marked-Up Previous Version of Claims". Please replace present claims 1-3, 7 and 26 with the amended versions thereof, as shown in the attached "Clean Copy of Amended Claims."

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